Docket No: 1247-0791-0V PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Noel GOURIO

SERIAL NO.: 09/147.696

FILED: May 3, 1999

FOR: ARMOURED GLAZING, IN PARTICULAR FOR VEHICLE

FIXED OR MOBILE SIDE GLAZING

: EXAMINER: JOHNSON, Stephen M

: GROUP ART UNIT: 3641

TO 3600 MAJL ROOM

RESPONSE TO Election REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of August 18, 2000, Applicants elect the species of Figure 1 with traverse.

Applicants traverse the outstanding Election Requirement as the outstanding Election Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Election Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present application no undue burden has been established if each of the species and claims were examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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